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SUBJECT

Activity of Serb Politicians in Paris

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SUPPLEMENT

- 1. A determined effort is being made by Serb political emigré leaders to select a representative who would present himself to Dr. V. Machek as spokesman for the several Serbian political parties seeking to settle whatever differences exist between the Serbs and the Croats. This action on the part of the Serbs is prompted by the fear that, if Machek should suddenly die, it would become an impossibility to negotiate with his likely successor, Juraj Krnjevich, known for his anti-Serb feelings.
- 2. The Serbs have not yet been able to agree on one personality who would both enjoy the confidence of all their factions and be able to negotiate with the Croats without jeoperdizing Serbian interests. However, it appears that Gaslav Nikitovich, who other than serving 36 hours in the Cvetkovich pre-war government is politically unknown, has formed a group of Serb politicians in Paris in an effort to unify the Serbs and select a leader for the negotiations. This group has been financing trips and supporting Serb politidens who have been coming to Paris from various parts of Europe. Mikitovich claims contact with Prince Paul who is reported to have reentered political life and to be in touch with King Peter and Bozhidar Purich, a former Prime Minister of the Yugoslav Government-in-Exile,
- 3. Dragisha Cvetkovich, who is persona grata with Machek, is also a member of this Paris group which consists largely of members of the Radical Party. The Independent Democratic Party will be represented by its leader Dr. Adam Pribichevich, who recently arrived in Paris from Italy.

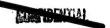
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Comment: It is interesting to note that Sava Kosanovich, lugoslav Ambassador to Washington, is the secretary of the Indepen-dent Democratic Party. Although the IDP has announced that it does not recognize Kosanovich as a representative of the Party in the Tito Government, it is reported that he will return to Yugoslavia to assist in bringing the IDP into the National Front.)

There is also another Serb group in Faris called "Akcioni Odbor" (Action Committee), ostensibly non-political, but with the primary function of serving as a front for the Nikitovich group which cannot approach Machek openly because of the political past of its members. As yet this "Action. 25X1A9a"

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